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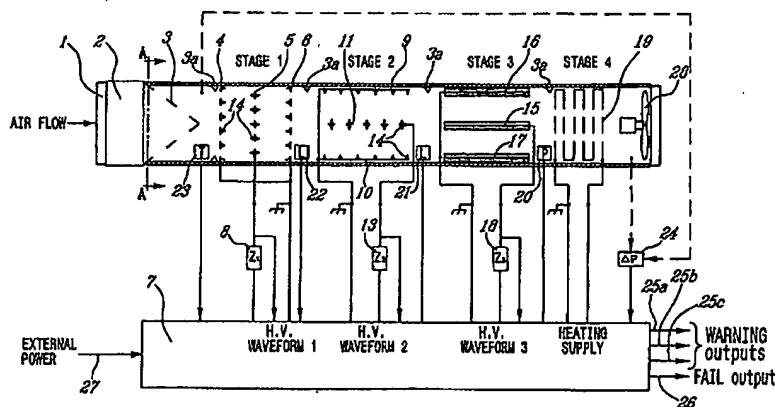
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(57) Abstract: A system for decontaminating a gas is provided. The system comprises : a passageway containing at least one set of two or three electrodes. If the set contains three electrodes, it has two outer electrodes electrically connected together and one inner electrode. A high voltage waveform source for creating electrical fields between the electrodes, wherein the electrical fields interact with the gas to create an electronic current having a desired average energy level to at least match the energy level of the molecular bonds of the contaminants to be ruptured and wherein the set has either (a) at least one surface of the inner electrode and a corresponding exposed surface of the outer electrodes (in the case of a set with two electrodes, both exposed surfaces) are fitted with protuberances having a controlled geometry controlling an amplification factor of the electric field at extremities of the protuberances; or (b) a space between at least one outer electrode and the inner electrode (in the case of a set with two electrodes, a space between the electrodes) is at least partially filled with elements made from a dielectric material.

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